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## STANDARD SCHOOLS

### COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

#### Items of Interest From Different Schools

Ruth Wood, teacher of the Prescott school, has been ill for several weeks, but is now improved and at work again. She has a pleasant room, nicely equipped, and an all-around desirable school with an enrollment of twenty-one, of which seven are in the eighth grade. The school has a promising future.

Rainier has the best school building in the county, and is well equipped with every essential for good work. It has the distinction of being the only school in the county equipped with incubators and brooders for hatching and rearing chickens. Professor H. E. Beck, eighth grade teacher, not only knows how to handle the eighth grade, but appears to be a past master poultryman. The Rainier grade teachers at present are:

First grade—Miss Edna Clark—enrollment 36.

Second grade—Miss Stella Ingraham—enrollment 32.

Third grade—Miss Barnett—enrollment 37.

Fourth grade—Miss Ethel Allen—enrollment 36.

Fifth grade—Miss Rita Holmes—enrollment 41.

Sixth grade—Miss Bertha Harbison—enrollment 33.

Seventh grade—Miss Isabelle Mann—enrollment 30.

Eighth grade—H. E. Beck—enrollment about 25.

The High School teachers are:

Prof. P. J. Kuntz, Levi F. Austin and Miss Myrtle Groshong. The Rainier school is instructing about four hundred pupils at present. The High School has forty-six students, eleven of whom are seniors. No teachers' training class has yet been established, but such work will be taken up later. The school is running nicely; the rooms are clean and tastily decorated, and the teachers are deserving. Rainier has a Parent-Teachers' association, which meets once a month.

The Quincy school re-opened January 17, after a month's vacation. The teachers are:

Primary—Mrs. Anna Van Osdal—enrollment 22.

Second and third grades—Miss Lillian Merritt—enrollment of second and third grades 32.

Fourth fifth and sixth grades—Lyle B. Chappell—enrollment 32.

Seventh, eighth and ninth grades—A. B. Owen—enrollment 15.

Everyone is working hard for a good school and are succeeding nicely.

Visitors' Day was very generally observed throughout Columbia County, and more than a thousand visitors were recorded in the various schools. In most cases, they were given a chance to observe the regular work, but in several schools the program was varied in the afternoon to a certain extent. Marshland school, under the efficient direction of Mrs. Jennie Love, standardized on that day, and a part of the afternoon was given to a suitable program; luncheon was served, etc. The Quincy school devoted a part of the afternoon to special features, the County Superintendent being present and visiting with them. Reports from every side indicate that the day was a success, and it is hoped that it will help toward a better co-operation between teachers, patrons and pupils.

The County Superintendent visited the Scappoose school on January 27, and found everybody at work as usual in the progressive spirit which Scappoose knows how to show.

January storms have interfered very materially with the progress of the various schools throughout the county, and many of them have been obliged to close a portion of the time on account of the inclement weather.

Miss Edna Dalziel has been elected teacher of District No. 50, to take the place of Miss Cora Phelps, who

## SUNSET CLUB LOST

Sunset Loses to Portland, Score 42-26

In a fast and exciting game of basketball here Saturday night, the local Sunset Club lost to the Multnomah Club second team of Portland by the score of 42-26. The Portland boys put up a good clean game and won on their superior playing, though the locals were handicapped by the absence of their star guard, Stewart McKie, and by McDonald not being able to give his best services, owing to his being sick all week. The locals were outweighed by at least 12 pounds to the man, and also against a team of longer experience. However, had the locals their best lineup in shape there would have been a different story to tell, but as it was, the Portland boys deserve their victory.

F. Sten of St. Helens, was easily the star of the game, as he made 22 of the 26 points made by his team, while Masters and Multhead were the high point men for Multnomah, with Brooks, the 190-lb. guard playing a great defensive game.

The Sunset team has only one more game scheduled for the home floor, which will be against the fast Sellwood Swastikas, who won two games from the locals last year. However, the Sunsets are out for revenge this year and will assure you a good exhibition, if you will walk out to the Sunset gym Saturday night, Feb. 12, and donate 25 cents to the club.

## FIRE BOYS BANQUETED

Mayor Morton tendered the fire boys a banquet Monday evening. This is another evidence of the estimation in which he holds the boys whose voluntary service to the city is of inestimable value. The evening was spent in toast and song. As a host, the guests place Mr. Morton at the head of the class.

Those of the fire boys present were L. E. Allen, chief; Ben Cooley, president; H. F. Peterson, Frank Brown, S. W. McKie, Fred Watkins, Wash. Conway, A. G. Mace and H. J. Southard and M. E. Miller.

Miss Dalziel attended the local institute at Rainier, making the entire trip to and from Deep Creek, and is entitled to the chromo for fortitude and courage displayed in making this arduous journey both ways over the mountains on the same day.

Miss Mildred Taylor of the Jefferson High School of Portland, has been elected as second grade teacher at Scappoose to succeed Miss Elsie Philip, who has resigned to accept a similar position in the Salem schools.

The school lands of this state have been disposed of and the schools derived not one-tenth of a fair value for them, and the state fund amounts to about \$1.75 per capita. The state fund of Washington pays a per capita school tax of about four times as much as Oregon, because their school lands were under better management. The land grant formerly claimed by the Southern Pacific and worth approximately one hundred million dollars, is in the hands of congress for disposal and will in some form be largely returned to the public. It should be put in the school fund of the state of Oregon, where every man, woman and child of this state would be benefited directly or indirectly. All Oregon should unite in an effort to place this immense fortune in the school fund where all will benefit. If managed properly in connection with our state fund, it would produce funds enough to maintain our schools without taxation. Taxes are too high and here is an opportunity to reduce them materially. One section of school land located in Columbia county, within a mile of one of our graded schools, was bought for sixteen hundred dollars; the other fellow sold it for fifty thousand dollars. This is a fair sample of school land transactions in Oregon. Why do you not write a letter to our senior senator today and ask him to use his influence to the utmost to place this gigantic fortune to the credit of the school fund? Hundreds of letters are being written from Columbia county to Mr. Chamberlain. You write one more.

## GREAT OPPORTUNITY

### THE VOTING CONTEST

Some Young Lady Is Going to Win This Beautiful Piano

- \* \* \* \* \*
- NOMINATIONS**
- \* Lois Clear, St. Helens.
  - \* Dorothy John, St. Helens.
  - \* Inez Barber, St. Helens.
  - \* Gladys Aahby, St. Helens.
  - \* Mildred Allen, St. Helens.
  - \* Marie Dixon, St. Helens.
  - \* Mrs. E. E. Dill, St. Helens.
  - \* Edrie La Bare, St. Helens.
  - \* Mrs. Earl Bard, Houlton.
  - \* Ethel Drew, St. Helens.
  - \* Edna Gartman, St. Helens.
  - \* Ella Hattant, St. Helens.
  - \* Gladys Hobbs, St. Helens.
  - \* Adella Link, St. Helens.
  - \* Fay Lynch, St. Helens.
  - \* Edna Harris, St. Helens.
  - \* Illene Paulson, St. Helens.
  - \* Beth Perry, Houlton.
  - \* Elsie Kallberg, Warren.
  - \* Sibel Burgess, St. Helens.
  - \* Edith Clark, Houlton.
  - \* Helen White, Houlton.
  - \* Juanita Moffitt, Houlton.
  - \* Maggie Spence, Houlton.
  - \* Nellie Dunne, Houlton.
  - \* Dollie Cooley, St. Helens.
  - \* Fannie Cooper, Warren.
  - \* Florence Larson, Yankton.
  - \* Morrella Black, St. Helens.
  - \* Maud Harrison, St. Helens.
  - \* Nadine Nace, St. Helens.
  - \* Miss Morley, Houlton.
  - \* Neoma Chittim, St. Helens.
  - \* Zelia Constantin, St. Helens.
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The candidates and others interested in the local voting contest will soon have the privilege of seeing the piano which is to be given away to the one having the largest number of votes.

To own a magnificent \$400 Upright piano, will be the pleasure of someone in this section of the country through this voting contest. To secure some of the other big prizes offered will be the privilege of other contestants in the contest, and work is required to win, that's all.

The Mist offers this opportunity to its readers and friends, it's yours. Votes are coming in this office by the thousands, and the contest is just four weeks old.

Nothing is more talked about in this community at present than this great prize voting contest inaugurated by this paper and votes are in great demand. The town and country are being scoured for them, and the merchants who are giving prizes are continually being asked for coupons.

Many people are willing to help their friends in this contest, and are only waiting to be asked. The first one to ask, will of course get the assistance of friends. Those who wish to enlarge their count should get out among their friends and make their wants known. The prizes offered are surely worth the small effort required. Let each contestant show the people that they have determination to succeed in anything they undertake and that they are out to win.

The first contest in the contest will be made on Feb. 9, at which time \$10 in gold will be awarded to the contestant having the largest number of votes at that time.

This paper has mailed letters of rules and regulations to all contestants to date, but if there are any who have failed to receive them, if you will kindly call at the Mist office you will be supplied. Those who do not fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest, may write or call at this office and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with you.

Remember to have your friends save the merchant coupons. Below you will find the merchants who are co-operating with us in this campaign.

- Noah's Ark,
- Von A. Gray,
- A. T. Kiblan,
- Jas. Muckle & Son,
- Williams & Hall Co.
- E. A. Ross,
- H. Morgus & Son,
- A. J. Deming.

## FEED THE BIRDS

The attention of the public is again called to the necessity of feeding the birds, to save them from death by starvation. With the ground covered with snow, it is impossible for the feathered songsters to secure their usual food, and they are more easily affected by the cold. Bread crumbs, apples, or beef suet, are very welcome articles of food for the song birds.

Game birds are being cared for by Deputy Game Warden Brown, who has made a number of visits to the woods and scattered grain. He wishes to publicly acknowledge his obligation to the St. Helens Rod and Gun Club for the use of an auto.

He reports China pheasants in fair condition but the danger to these birds comes when the snow begins to melt, especially the roosters, as it is claimed that the wet snow adheres to their tail feathers and weighs them down. Then they sometimes roost on low branches and their tails freeze to the snow and they are unable to escape and perish from cold and hunger.

## CIRCUIT COURT NOTES

Circuit court convened Monday. The docket is pretty well cleared so far as entries have been made.

The case of Lorena Chrisman vs. E. Nauhausen et al. was called Wednesday.

H. O. Howard vs. H. W. Wells et al., is set for Friday.

The grand jury was in session several days but the result of their investigations have not been made public.

The grand jury is composed of John Farr, Aaron Gesselberg, Martin Kaufman, Fred W. Boesel, Herbert Edwards, Jacob Hammer and Edward Eliertson.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Ostrander enjoys sleigh riding with the rest of them.

The glee club have started practicing on a number of new songs.

You will all observe that Veazie enjoys picking up handkerchiefs.

A few of the St. Helens teachers attended the institute held at Rainier Jan. 29.

On account of such English lessons, the freshies are taking their afternoon naps in class.

To the delight of all the pupils, school has been dismissed twice on account of the steam heat.

Every one be sure and attend the game at the S. A. A. C. gym Feb. 5, St. Helens H. S. vs. Clatskanie.

The concert given by the Willamette quartette was of good success, everyone running to get their money back.

English two class is now studying one of Jacob Riis' books, "The Making of an American." They all seem to like it.

Both scheduled basketball games with Rainier and Scappoose were postponed—they seem to be afraid of us.

From the outlook of things now, S. H. H. S. will sure cop the cup on spring reports. We now have an addition to our tennis team and the prospects of a new track man.

The basketball boys were all caught in a very sad predicament while practicing last Tuesday night, when the lights were cut off. Some of the boys were fortunate enough to get one piece of his own skating anyway.

## DO SOMETHING

Perhaps it may be thought to be fun to get out a newspaper when we can't even scare up a dog fight. Do something, hit somebody or fall down and break a lot of your legs, anything for news. If this blizzard weather continues much longer, we'll be forced to publish extracts from the Bible. It will be news to the type setter and proof reader anyhow.

The following names have been suggested to act as awarding committee and to count the ballots, and if no objections are offered they will constitute the committee:

- H. J. Southard,
- L. E. Allen,
- M. E. Miller.

## A VILE CANARD

False Statement Circulated Concerning Houlton Postoffice

No petition has been circulated in St. Helens to have the postoffice at Houlton abolished, neither has there been talk of one or has there been any desire to abolish the postoffice at that place. On the contrary, this matter was thoroughly investigated prior to the consolidation and the department cheerfully consented to the retention of the Houlton office should the two cities be consolidated.

The postoffice inspector who was here during the holidays, made the statement corroborating the action between the officials of the two cities and the postoffice department.

We place no credence in the statement of the Portland yellow Journal. Its bureau of information seems to be tinged with yellow in every department.

Mr. Rutherford never heard of such a petition being circulated or even contemplated.

St. Helens has kept faith with Houlton to the very letter and will continue to do so. The city council and Commercial Club are composed of honorable men, men far above violating honor between neighbors. Consolidation has improved both cities and harmony and good fellowship will make a healthy and prosperous community, when otherwise factional strife will retard the upbuilding and success of any community, no matter how great the natural advantages may be. Let us all pull and all pull together.

## CREAMERY MEN FORM SELLING PLAN

The Grange Co-operative Dairy Exchange was the name selected by the selling organization of creamery men formed in Portland Monday. The object of the association is to market the standardized goods of country creameries throughout the state directly instead of selling them to Portland creameries. The capital stock will be \$10,000.

The exchange has a membership of 20 independent creameries. The members will be taxed one-half cent for every pound sold through the exchange, but they expect to get 1½ cents more per pound for their product when selling at wholesale instead of to jobbers.

Officers selected were: President, Ed Cary, Carlton; executive committee, R. C. von Lehe, Philomath; W. A. Smiley, Reedsport; J. J. Wheelan, Albany; J. Kirehen, Oregon City, and secretary and manager to be elected by committee.

The managers of the St. Helens Creamery attended this meeting and are members of the exchange.

## 1916 POLITICAL CALENDAR

This is to be a year of politics, so remember these dates:

April 18, last day to register for primary election.

April 19, last day to file petitions or declarations for nominations for county offices, district and justice of the peace.

May 19, primary election. Polls from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

May 20, reopening of registration.

June 4, last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures of primaries.

Sept. 28, last day to file certificates of nomination by political party or assembly for county and district.

Oct. 7, last day to register for general election.

Oct. 13, last day to file certificate of nomination by individual electors for county, district and precincts.

Nov. 7, general election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Nov. 21, last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures.

## UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon, postoffice, for the week ending Jan. 29, 1916:

Mr. John Blue, Mr. Ernest Schmidt, St. Helens Merc. Co.

Letters unclaimed by Feb. 12th, 1916, will be sent to Division of Dead Letters. IVA E. DODD, P. M.

## LOT OF SNOW FALLS

### THAT HOWLING STORM

Great Damage to Property and Business Paralyzed

The weather clerk is determined to smash all previous records. Snow and lots of it has fallen in this section, but it only remained for a few days, but this winter it stays with us like a poor relation.

Sunday it snowed all day and ditto for Monday. Tuesday morning the ground was covered to a depth of 17 inches. In the evening it commenced to rain and froze as it fell. It developed into a silver thaw and great damage was wrought to telephone and electric poles and wires.

In the evening at about 9 o'clock, the electric light wire went down and out and the city was in darkness. On account of a number of wires being down, the company shut off the "juice" to prevent danger from fallen wires. Telephone and electric poles crashed to the earth and the drive between this place and the depot was a network of wires and poles Wednesday morning.

Coming from the depot Tuesday evening Johnson with his auto bus, noticed a pole gradually falling, and putting on full speed, passed under Stevens' bus, which followed, was not so fortunate, but crashed into the wires. He was badly enmeshed but no serious damage resulted.

Trees were shorn of limbs and those residing near timber could scarcely sleep for the thunder and crash of the falling trees and limbs.

It is reported that it will be a week or more before we can have electric service.

Telephone service is badly crippled. The weather has moderated but little and while a large force of men have been put to work but little headway is gained on account of the ice, rain and snow.

Great icicles are hanging from the roofs and life is endangered when walking near buildings.

The mill closed Monday after running a few hours. The company will take advantage of the opportunity and make the annual repairs which will mean about two weeks' lay-off for the men.

The shipyard has been closed since Saturday. The weather conditions are a black eye to this industry as they are already behind time with work on the big ship. As soon as weather conditions will permit a larger force of men will be put on.

More snow fell Thursday, which increased the depth to 20 inches. All business is paralyzed. Even the town clock has gone on a strike and refuses to strike. Wood is a scarce article because it cannot be delivered.

No trains either. The mail train reached Warren Wednesday afternoon and sidetracked for the north bound train, which did not arrive until some time during the night. The wires were down and the dispatcher was unable to issue train orders.

No abatement of weather conditions as we go to press Thursday afternoon.

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Registration of voters is progressing slowly. The first thing you know the books will be closed and you will have all kinds of trouble when you wish to exercise your right as an American citizen. Register now and avoid annoyance.

Up to Tuesday 489 had registered as follows: 383 Republicans, 81 Democrats, 17 Socialists, 4 Prohibitionists, and 4 Progressives. Of the total number 89 are women.

Harry Cooper of Goble, was arrested Tuesday on the charge of selling liquor. He was arraigned before Justice Philip, and pleading guilty, was fined \$50 and costs. Another case is pending against Cooper for keeping a common nuisance. The liquor was destroyed by Sheriff Stanwood and Cooper has promised to be good. The complaint is therefore suspended for six months pending good behavior.